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Eastern Illinois University

FACULTY SENATE

November 20, 1984

PRESENT: Sutton, Searle Norberg, Sullivan, Perkins, Coon, Stoughton, Miller, Nordin, Stevens, Smith, Heumann, Ozier, Morice, Reed.

VISITORS: Joni Taylor (Eastern News); Alan Aulabaugh, music.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. From G. Cooper, president EIU Annuitants Association (with attached response from K. Sutton).
2. From Department of Music members, copy of letter of protest, November 3, to President Rives on the EIU Band performance at Reagan-Bush rally.
3. From President Rives to Music Department members, reaction to protest letter, November 8.
4. From L. Janes (by telephone), support of EIU Band performance at the rally and of political involvement of the institution.
5. From D. Thornburgh, report of the Committee for Meritorious Service Awards, November 2, with the President's Council's decision attached.
6. From S. Bartling, November 6, and J. Reardon, November 5, reports that they could not attend the student/faculty forum.
7. From K. Sutton, November 13, copy of a letter to the editor of the Times Courier, noting an error in the reported Faculty Senate "condemnation".
8. From Cary Knoop, November 15, concerning mid-term grade forms for freshmen and sophomores.
9. From Ken Gustin, October 29, request for support in gaining syllabi from faculty for student use.
10. Minutes from CAA, October 25, November 1, November 8, November 15; from CGS, November 6; from COTE, October 23, November 6, November 13.
11. From L. Durham, November 20, suggestion for a candidate for the Distinguished Faculty Award, with a student support letter.

Smith moved, seconded by Perkins, that the minutes of November 13, 1984 be approved. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Band Performance at Reagan-Bush Political Rally: Norberg moved, seconded by Smith, to divide the question. Motion passed unanimously.

Senate members discussed and voted on the proposed position paper paragraph by paragraph. The results follow:

<u>First Paragraph:</u>	approved as amended:	12 for, 1 against, 2 abstained.
<u>Second Paragraph:</u>	approved as amended:	13 for, 2 abstained.
<u>Third Paragraph:</u>	failed unanimously.	
<u>Fourth Paragraph:</u>	approved as amended:	11 for, 2 opposed, 1 abstained.
<u>Fifth Paragraph:</u>	approved as amended:	11 for, 2 opposed.
<u>Sixth Paragraph:</u>	approved as amended:	11 for, 1 opposed, 1 abstained.

The approved version of the Faculty Senate position paper appears below:

The name and prestige of Eastern Illinois University should not be lent to an obviously partisan political rally. By permitting uniformed student performers to go to Springfield four days before a national election, the Eastern Illinois Administration has done just that. This action was offensive to many as an unfair and also inappropriate action by a publicly-supported institution of higher learning. Therefore, the Faculty Senate feels compelled to express its dissatisfaction.

It appears as though the administration failed to consider adequately a number of factors which properly should have been considered before a decision was made:

The decision encouraged a group of students to engage in an action of enormous consequence without examining its significance. It placed pressure, however indirect, on students to participate in a partisan political function not as observers, but as supporters of a specific candidate, whether that candidate represented their views or not. It used university uniforms and equipment for partisan political purposes, and encouraged as well the mistaken belief that anything is ethical as long as someone else pays for it.

Moreover, the decision resulted in two hundred and fifty members of the band, cheerleaders, and Pink Panthers being, in effect, invited to take the day off. On that day, the instructional process was disrupted. (Only a month ago faculty and administration rescinded the one-day fall break to add class days to the fall semester.)

Therefore, the Faculty Senate seeks either a regulation by the Board of Governors or an agreement with the university administration that the organized appearance in uniform by any segment of the student body at any future political rally will be recognized as inappropriate and will not be permitted.

2. Summer School: Coon asked Senate members to review summer resources information distributed to the Senate during the Spring semester 1984.

3. Award Committee: Sutton requested Senate input concerning criteria for both student and faculty awards.

4. VPAF Search Committee: Coon reported that President Rives will announce his decision concerning a new VPAF on December 6.

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Jayne Ozier, senate representative to the BOG Council of Faculties submitted the following report:

The BOG Council of Faculties held its second meeting in Springfield on November 4-5, 1984. The meeting was conducted by Dr. Jay Stein, COF chair, from WIU.

The April 7-8 meeting was changed to March 31- April 1, 1985. It will be held at WIU.

The revised constitution will be mailed to all regular COF members prior to the December meeting. Alternates will not be sent constitutions; therefore, regular members are responsible for informing their alternates.

Discussion of membership focused on the problems of continuity on the council and the need to define and delineate the roles for the three-year elected at-large members, the one-year senate appointed members, and the alternates.

Dr. Pringle's report:

1. FY 86, BHE Budget Hearings: Faculty salaries will be presented as the number one priority in January.
2. Requests for new programs will be presented in December. EIU has no new program requests.
3. FY 87 NEPRs are due in February.
4. Minority internship programs, \$200,000 were appropriated to the BOG. The dollars were then allocated to each institution according to number and percentage of minority students enrolled. Chicago State University received 51% of the funds. There were a total of 43 internships: 23 at CSU, 11 at UNI, 4 at WIU, 3 at GSU and 2 at EIU. The stipend of \$1000 per month will be paid to each student for the duration of the internship (1 or 2 terms). To qualify for the internship the student must be full-time, can represent any discipline, and must have a CGPA pf 2.75 on a 4.0 scale or 3.75 on a 5.0 scale.
5. BHE requests for university admissions standards. Dr. Pringle has concerns (1) about anticipated budget increases to provide programs essential for provisionally admitted students, (2) about the need for "all" students to complete the requirements (for example, does a dancer need 4 years of math, and so on?) and (3) about asking an eighth grader to decide to attend college. In general, he is more concerned with college graduates than college admits.
6. BHE focus, the board is interested in the study of quality education and the number of minorities in higher education.
7. Each campus has a comprehensive computer committee.
8. Each campus has been surveyed to determine the scope of Inservice programs provided for professional development of public school teachers.

Discussion of COF role was initiated by Dr. Stein. He posed the following questions for the Council to consider and discuss:

1. Is the role of the COF to conduct studies?
2. Is the role of the COF to serve as a "sounding board" for questions generally?
3. Is the role of the COF to serve as a "sounding board" for individual colleague's questions?
4. What would our senates like for us to address?

Dr. Stein reminded council members to attend BOG meetings on

our campuses.

Committee reports. Dan Hockman (EIU) chair, reported the Writing Skills Report will be submitted in final form to Dr. Pringle at or prior to the December meeting. The Academic Standards Report is still being written. New studies will be deferred.

The agenda for the December 2-3, 1984, meeting will include a discussion of the Academic Program Review.

After the brief insitutional reports, the meeting adjourned at 11:58.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Coon moved, seconded by Stoughton, to go into executive session. Motion passed unanimously. Coon moved, seconded by Stevens, to come out of executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. The next meeting of the Faculty Senate will be at 2:00p.m. in the Martinsville Room on November 27, 1984.

Secretary,

Bill Searle